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SUBJECT: MACEDONIAN QUESTION

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1. ACCORDING TO HIGH LEVEL BULGARIAN OFFICIAL, REASON FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV NOT MEMBER ZHIVKOV'S PARTY CURRENTLY VISITING POLAND IS BECAUSE MLADENOV WILL MAKE URGENT VISIT TO BELGRADE. OFFICIAL WOULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER BUT RUMOR IS THAT YUGOSLAVS HIGHLY INDIGNANT OVER BULGAR HANDLING OF MINIC VISIT AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE. REPORTEDLY, TITO HAS TAKEN MATTER UP WITH BREZHNEV AND COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT BULGARS. RESULT IS MLADENOV BEING DESPATCHED TO BELGRADE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENT FOR TITO VISIT TO BULGARIA. DURING VISIT, ZHIVKOV WILL APOLOGIZE AND MAKE CONCESSIONS REGARDING MACEDONIAN ISSUE. FOLLOWING VISIT TO SOFIA, TITO WILL VISIT BORDER AREAS ON BULGARIAN SIDE.

2. COMMENT: VISIT SCENARIOS MAY BE RESULT OF OVERLY
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ACTIVE BALKAN MINDS BUT IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT MINIC

VISIT WENT BADLY AND COMMUNIQUE UNSATISFACTORY FOR
BOTH SIDES.
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